The Daily Courant.

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From the Paris Gazette, dated Nov. 4.

Naples, October 3.

THO' we do not give any Credit to the Report which has been ſpread abroad by the Enemy, that a Squadron of Engliſh and Dutch Men of War will come into the Mediterranean, with Land-Forces on board them; yet the Duke of Eſcalona our Viceroy has taken all imaginable Precautions to fruſtrate any Attempt that may be made on our Coaſts. The Places of Strength being already provided with what is neceſſary for their defence; the Garriſons have been augmented: The Fortifications are in fit Condition; and the Forts that have been rais'd at convenient Places on the Coaſt, and on the neighbouring Iſlands, are provided with Men, Ammunition, &c. We are fitting out ſome Galleys and ſeveral Tartans, which will be well mann'd, to cruiſe on the Coaſts of Calabria, which are infeſted by the Corſairs; and to have an Eye to the Enemy, if they ſhould come into theſe Seas.

Rome, October 10. On the 6th being the Feaſt of St. Bruno, the Pope went to the Church of the Carthuſians in the Baths of Diocletian, and ſaid Maſs himſelf; after which he took a View of the Meridional Line that is drawn in the middle of that Church by Signior Bianchini of Verona, (Canon of St. Laurence in Damaſo, and Library-keeper to Cardinal Ottoboni,) after divers Obſervations made on that Subject by himſelf and Signior Moraldi of the Royal Academy of Sciences; the ſaid Signior Bianchini has aſſiſted at ſeveral Congregations (in which Cardinal Noris preſided) appointed to conſult of reforming the Calendar. It was ſuſpected that there was a Deſign laid to take Captain Arena a Neapolitan Bandito out of the Caſtle of St. Angelo, with another Perſon who has been confin'd there for ſome Months, for Liſting divers Vagabonds and other diſſolute Fellows in the Emperor's Service, (notwithſtanding the ſeveral Ordinances to the contrary) intending with them to have joyn'd the Banditi that lately diſturb'd the Kingdom of Naples. For, it was obſerv'd that ſeveral unknown Perſons, who all appear'd to be Men of deſperate Fortunes, frequently walk'd in the Evening in the Fields adjacent to the Caſtle of St. Angelo, and in other places thereabouts: This, with ſome Advices that confirm'd the Suſpicion, occaſion'd an Order for thoſe Priſoners to be remov'd from thence to another place of Security. Captain Arena made ſo much Reſiſtance, that they were oblig'd to put him in Irons before they could carry him out: After which a Sergeant was taken into Cuſtody, that had been corrupted to aſſiſt him in the intended Eſcape, who has confeſs'd that he had undertaken to let the Captain out of the Chamber where he was kept under cloſe Confinement, and then they were to have aſſaſſinated the Governour and his Wife, to have taken the Keys, and ſet open the Gates to their Accomplices without, who were to have enter'd and poſſeſs'd themſelves of the Caſtle. This Sergeant is condemn'd to the Galleys, and ſtrict Enquiry is making into all the Circumſtances of this Plot, which 'tis believ'd could never have been contriv'd and carry'd on by ſuch mean People only as yet appear to be concern'd in it.

Plymouth, Nov. 8. This Evening came in Her Majeſty's Ship the Midway from Newfoundland, they report that they parted from the Exeter laſt night, and that about a Month ſince they left the reſt of the Squadron at Newfoundland with 34 Prizes.

London, November 11. By Letters from Boſton in New-England, dated Sept. 17. we have advice, That upon the receipt of the Proclamation of War againſt France, the Government fitted out 4 ſmall Sloops as Privateers with 50 Men each, which in about a Month's time have brought in 15 Prizes, viz. 4 Sloops, 7 Bankers about 120 Tun each, 1 Ship of 20 Guns, 1 of 12, 1 of 8, and 1 bound to Port-Royal in Accadie to lade Maſt.

Commadore Lake in the Exeter is arriv'd at St. Hellens.

Sir Cloudſly Shovell with the Fleet under his Command from Vigo, paſs'd by the Iſle of Wight for St. Hellens yeſterday.

One of the Convoys of the latter Ruſſia Fleet, arriv'd at Yarmouth on the 9th, with one of the Merchant Ships of that Fleet; one was loſt coming over the Bar at Archangel, all the reſt are expected every Tide.

The Counteſs Dowager of Kent dyed laſt Monday night.

Sir Ed. Sherborn is alſo dead.

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